

STATE ✓ Tennessee	COUNTY Davidson	6 TOWN OR VICINITY 1 mile W. Nashville vicinity ^{10p} _{3d}
INDEX NUMBER TENN. 19. NASH.V. 6-	MONUMENT Belle Meade	
REPRESENTED IN NEGATIVE FILE	H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO. TENN-132	Location: Harding Road, 1 mi. W. of Nashville. Present owner: Mere- dith Caldwell. Date built: 1853. Builder- owner: General William Giles Harding (?). Condition: Good. Description: Brick, two and a half stories; semi-detached kitchen wing, front porch stone, rear wood, iron rosettes. Kitchen connection now closed in; rear porte- corchere added; two-story brick privy; huge brick smokeho use; large frame horse
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barns. Three-story elliptical stairway decorated with niches. History: Six square stone columns, only two sections each, quarried on place by slaves under Gen. Harding's supervision. "On land grants and additional acreage acquired from the Indians in exchange for a Shetland pony and a 'shot gun per acre,' John Harding, in 1806, laid out the 'Queen of the Southern Estates,' and developed the first thoroughbred breeding establishment in America." Ref.--History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee, Garden Study Club of Nashville, pp. 125-129.

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